

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0037] beginning on page 7 of the specification, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As a result of the forces of the deploying gas bag 4 which act on the cap 20, the cap tears open along the weakening region 25 and is separated into two cap portions 20a, [[28,]] 20b which, according to Fig. 1b, pivot outward under the pressure of the deploying gas bag 4. As a result, the gas bag can be deployed toward the occupant to be protected along a main deployment direction H which is defined by the outlet orifice A of the bowl-shaped gas bag receptacle, the outlet orifice being located opposite the base 10.